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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICIALS HOLDING
PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL LICENSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
5 education of an electrician or plumber that is designed to maintain
6 professional competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of
7 electrical work or plumbing and piping work and that is approved by
8 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
9 agency that is approved by the commissioner;

10 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
11 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
12 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing
13 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or
14 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing

15 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
16 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
17 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
18 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
19 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
20 authorized agent;

21 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
22 Protection.

23 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
24 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
25 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
26 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
27 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
28 341, inclusive; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing
29 professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for
30 acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the
31 waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for
32 electricians for good cause.

33 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
34 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
35 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
36 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
37 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
38 330 to 20-341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than
39 a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education
40 every two years, except in the event of significant changes to the
41 building code, as approved by the Building Officials and Code
42 Administrators International, Incorporated, that relate to plumbing,
43 the commissioner, at such commissioner's discretion, may require
44 more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional
45 education every two years; (2) establish qualifying criteria for
46 accredited continuing professional education programs and establish

47 qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education;
 48 and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing
 49 professional education for plumbers for good cause.

50 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
 51 any person who has been issued a P-6, P-7, W-8 or W-9 license
 52 pursuant to section 20-334a and the regulations of Connecticut state
 53 agencies shall not be required to meet the continuing education
 54 requirements established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

55 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) of this
 56 section, any certified municipal building official in good standing who
 57 holds a current electrician's license issued pursuant to sections 20-330
 58 to 20-341, inclusive, or a current plumber's license issued pursuant to
 59 said sections, shall not be required to meet the continuing education
 60 requirements established pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this
 61 section, as applicable.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | January 1, 2008 | 20-334d |

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt certified municipal building officials in good standing who hold current plumbing or electrical licenses from continuing education requirements regarding such licenses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]